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The President announced that the meeting had been called to receive a report from the committee charged with the duty of negociating for the purchase of a suitable property for the accommodation of the Society.

The said committee then presented a report, accompanied by the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to purchase the Spring Garden Hall for the uses of the Society, provided such purchase can be made on advantageous terms.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to negociate for, and complete such a purchase from the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, if, in their judgment, the same can be made on terms advantageous to the Society.

Which resolutions were separately read, considered and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Dunglison, the committee appointed under the second of the above resolutions, is the same as that heretofore charged with the subject of procuring a suitable property for the uses of the Society, viz.—Mr. Fraley, Prof. Trego and Mr. Justice.

Stated Meeting, June 19.

Present, twenty-six members.

Dr. Dunglison, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Major Alfred Mordecai, of the U. S. Army, was introduced, it being his first attendance since his election as a member.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Memorie dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti. Vol. V. Milano, 1856. 4to.

Giornale dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo. Nuova Serie. Fascicoli XXXVII–XLVI. Milano, 1855–6. *From the Royal Lombardy Institute.*

Catalogue of Stars near the Ecliptic, observed at Markree during the years 1854–5–6, and whose places are supposed to be hitherto un-

published. Vol. IV. Containing 14,951 stars. Dublin, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Royal Society.*

Journal of the Royal Dublin Society. Nos. IV. V. Jan. April, 1857. Dublin. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. Vol. X. No. 1. April, 1857. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of London. No. 6. Jan. 1857. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Jahrbuch der K. K. Geologischen Reichsanstalt. VII. Jahrgang, 1856. Nos. 2, 3. April, Sept. Wien. 8vo.—*From the Imperial Geological Institute, Vienna.*

Archives du Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle: Tome VIII. Livr. 3, 4. Tome IX. Livr. 1, 2, 3. Paris, 1855-6. 4to.—*From the Museum of Nat. History, Paris.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. VII. Nos. 6, 7. April, May, 1857. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. New Series. Vol. V. 1855. Vol. VI. Part 1, 1857. Boston. 4to.—*From the Academy.*

Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. V. No. 10. April, 1857. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXIII. No. 6. June, 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXXIII. No. 6. June, 1857. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

The Virginia Convention of 1776. A Discourse delivered before the Virginia Alpha Phi Beta Kappa Society, in the chapel of William and Mary College, in the city of Williamsburg, July 3, 1855. By Hugh Blair Grigsby. Richmond, 1855. 8vo.

The Virginia Convention of 1829-30. A Discourse delivered before the Virginia Historical Society, at their Annual Meeting held in the Athenæum in the City of Richmond, Dec. 15, 1853. By Hugh B. Grigsby. Richmond, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Description of New Species of Shells, &c. (Extracts from Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia.) By Isaac Lea, L.L.D. &c. &c. Philadelphia, 1857. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Catalogue of Human Crania in the Collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. By J. Aitken Meigs, M.D. Philadelphia, 1857. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Fourth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of

Agriculture: together with the Reports of the Committees appointed to visit the County Societies, &c. Boston, 1857. 8vo. —*From C. L. Flint, Secretary.*

Annual Report of the Inspectors of the Eastern State Penitentiary of Pennsylvania; transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives, March, 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From James J. Barclay, Esq.*

The Astronomical Journal. No. 103. May 30, 1857. Albany. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, Jr. Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XV. No. 174. June, 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Description of the Observatory of Haverford College. 1857. 8vo. —*Donor unknown.*

Prof. Frazer announced the decease of M. le Baron Cauchy, of Paris, a member of this Society, who died May 23, 1857, aged 67.

Dr. William Harris announced the decease of Mr. Thomas Biddle, of Philadelphia, a member of this Society, who died on the 3d inst. aged 81; and on motion of Dr. Harris, Dr. J. B. Biddle was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased member.

The Committee of Publication laid upon the table Vol. XI. Part 1, of the Transactions of the Society, published since the last stated meeting.

A motion was made by Prof. Frazer, that the resolutions adopted at the special meeting held on the 29th of last month, in relation to the purchase of the Spring Garden Hall, be repealed:

And, after some discussion on the subject, the following resolutions were offered by Prof. Frazer, which were read, considered and agreed to:—

Resolved, That the further consideration of the resolutions be postponed, and that it be made the subject of consideration at a special meeting to be held on the first Friday in July.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to give notice of the said special meeting, and of the business to be considered at it, by printed notices addressed to the resident members, at least three days before the date of the meeting.